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Kenſington, May 21.

CAptain Pitt, Aid de Camp to the Duke of Marlborough, arrived here this Day from Brabant, being ſent Expreſs by his Grace with the following Account of further Glorious Progreſſes wherewith it has pleaſed Almighty God to bleſs the Arms of Her Majeſty and Her Allies, under the Command of his Grace and Monſieur d'Auverquerque.

From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Grimbergh, May 27. *N. S.* On Monday, the Twenty fourth Inſtant, my Lord Duke having ordered the Army to encamp at Bavechien, for the Refreſhment of the Troops, and diſpoſed all things for their March the next Morning by break of Day, in order to force the Paſſage of the Dyle, received Advice in the Night, That the Enemy had quitted their Camp, and abandoned Louvain, being retired towards Bruſſels: Whereupon Bridges being laid over that River near Louvain, we put a Detachment of 500 Men into the Town laſt mentioned, and the whole Army paſſed over the next Day about Noon, and took the Camp of Bethlem; from whence we continued our March early yeſterday Morning towards Bruſſels. His Grace ſoon had Notice, That the Enemy had likewiſe quitted that Place and Mechlen, and were retired towards Aloſt. About 10 a Clock my Lord Duke had a Letter from the Marquis of Deynſe, Governor of Bruſſels, intimating, That the States of Brabant were deſirous to wait on him at ſuch time as he ſhould appoint: Upon which his Grace ſent them a Compliment by Colonel Panton, in his own Name and that of the Deputies, letting them know, That he ſhould be glad to ſee them at 4 a Clock in the Afternoon; when there came a Deputation from the States of Brabant, another from the Sovereign Council, and a third from the Magiſtrates of the City. They all expreſſed great Satisfaction at our happy Succeſs, and our Arrival in their Neighbourhood. His Grace wrote Letters to all the three Bodies, to invite them to conſider their own Intereſt, and to own their lawful Sovereign King Charles III. They were to aſſemble in order to it this Day; and in the Afternoon his Grace expects their Return, with a favourable Anſwer. In the Evening the Magiſtrates of Mechlen came likewiſe to compliment his Grace, and make their Submiſſion. Colonel Durell, Adjutant General, was ſent with a Detachment of 200 Horſe to take Poſſeſſion of that Town. The Governor ſtay'd in the Place, and ſurrendred himſelf Priſoner. The Army encamped at Dighem.

This Morning the Army continued its March, and having paſſed the Canal, came to Grimbergh, where we are now encamped.

My Lord Duke has ſent General Churchill, with 4 Battalions of Foot and 2 Squadrons of Horſe, to command in Bruſſels.

The Retreat of the Enemy in ſuch Conſternation, the great number of Officers and Soldiers who have ſince been diſcovered to be Priſoners among our Troops, and of thoſe who were left wounded in the Places thro' which we marched, together with their abandoning the whole Country, makes their Loſs much greater than it was firſt thought to be.

By our ſpeedy Purſuit of the Enemy, they were obliged to leave many wounded Officers at Bruſſels, who all became Priſoners of War; among others the Count de Horne Lieutenant-General, and the Earl of Clare Major-General; the latter died yeſterday of his Wounds.

From the Duke of Marlborough's Camp at Grimbergh, May 28. *N. S.* Yeſterday in the Evening the Deputies who were at the Camp the Day before returned, and brought his Grace three ſeveral Inſtruments in due Form; one from the Three States, another from the Sovereign Council, and the third from the City of Bruſſels, owning King Charles III. as their lawful Sovereign; repeating likewiſe, in a moſt reſpectful manner, the great Senſe they have of Her Majeſty's Goodneſs, in relieving them, by Her Victorious Arms, from the Oppreſſions they have ſo long labour'd under by the French Government: They likewiſe made their Acknowledgments to his Grace; and there ſeems to be an univerſal Joy among the People. We have great Reaſon to hope the Spaniſh Troops will likewiſe declare for their natural Sovereign, ſince ſeveral of them have ſhewn a great Inclination for the Houſe of Auſtria; and that the Animoſities between them and the French are grown to ſuch a height, that it ſeems impoſſible they ſhould act any longer in Conjunction.

Captain Pitt adds, That juſt at his coming away, the Magiſtracy of Liere had ſent a Deputation to my Lord Duke, to make their Submiſſion, and deſire his Grace's Protection: That the City of Antwerp had likewiſe declared for King Charles the Third, the French having quitted that Place on Friday at Three in the Afternoon; and that, in a Word, all Brabant was entirely reduced under his Catholick Majeſty's Obedience. The French were retired to Gaver, beyond Ghent, not above 23000 ſtrong, and thoſe not half of them Armed, having thrown down their Arms in their flight. The Priſoners being ſent away to our Garriſons as faſt as we took them, an Account cannot yet be given of their Numbers, which muſt be very conſiderable. The Duke of Marlborough had appointed a Day of Thankſgiving to be obſerved throughout the Army, to return Thanks to Almighty God for the Glorious Victory wherewith Heaven had bleſſed the Arms of Her Majeſty and the States-General in the late Battle of Rammelies, and the wonderful Succeſſes which have ſince followed, in reducing ſo great a Country to the Obedience of his Catholick Majeſty King Charles III.

By the QUEEN,
A PROCLAMATION,
For a Publick THANKSGIVING.

ANNE R.

WE *do moſt Devoutly and Thankfully Acknowledge the great Goodneſs and Mercy of Almighty God, who has continued to Us His Protection and Aſſiſtance in the Juſt War in which We are now Engaged, for the Common Safety of Our Realms, and for Diſappointing the Boundleſs Ambition of* France; *and hath given to Our Arms, in Conjunction with thoſe of Our Allies, under the Command of* John *Duke of* Marlborough, *Captain-General of Our Land Forces, a Signal and Glorious Victory in* Brabant *over the* French *Army, and hath reſtored the greateſt part of the* Spaniſh Netherlands *to the Poſſeſſion of the Houſe of* Auſtria, *in the Perſon of King* Charles *the Third, by the Happy and Wonderful Progreſs of the Confederate Forces: And has alſo bleſt the Arms of Us and thoſe of Our Allies with great Succeſſes in* Catalonia, *and other Parts of* Spain. *And therefore duly conſidering that ſuch great and publick Bleſſings do call for publick and ſolemn Acknowleagments, We have thought fit, by the Advice of Our Privy Council, to iſſue out this Our Royal Proclamation, hereby Appointing and Commanding, That a General Thankſgiving to Almighty God for theſe His Mercies be Obſerved throughout Our Kingdom of* England, *Dominion of* Wales, *and Town of* Berwick *upon* Tweed, *upon* Thurſday *the* 27*th Day of* June *next. And for the better and more Religious and Orderly Solemnizing the ſame, We have given Directions to the Archbiſhops and Biſhops of this Our Kingdom to compoſe a Form of Prayer ſuitable to this Occaſion, to be uſed in all Churches and Chapels, and other Places of Publick Worſhip; and to take Care for the timely diſperſing thereof through their reſpective Dioceſes. And We ſtrictly Charge and Command, That the ſaid Publick Day of Thankſgiving be Religiouſly Obſerved by all Our Loving Subjects, as they tender the Favour of Almighty God, and upon Pain of ſuffering ſuch Puniſhments as We may juſtly inflict on all ſuch as ſhall contemn or neglect the Performance of ſo Religious and Neceſſary a Duty.*

Given at Our Court at *Kenſington*, the Twenty firſt Day of *May*, 1706. in the Fifth Year of Our Reign.

GOD Save the QUEEN.

At the Court at *Kenſington, May* 21. 1706.
PRESENT,
The QUEEN's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

WHereas *it has pleaſed God to bleſs Her Majeſty's Arms and thoſe of Her Allies, under the Command of the Duke of* Marlborough, *with a Signal and Glorious Victory over the* French *in* Brabant, *and by the Happy and Wonderful Progreſs of the Confederate Forces, to reſtore great Part of the* Spaniſh Netherlands *to the Poſſeſſion of the Houſe of* Auſtria, *in the Perſon of King* Charles *the Third: It is this Day Ordered by Her Majeſty in Council, That Notice be given to all Her Loving Subjects, that they may Lawfully Trade to and with all ſuch Places in the ſaid* Spaniſh Netherlands *as Acknowledge King* Charles *the Third; And in like manner free Liberty and Intercourſe is given to the Subjects of King* Charles *the Third to Trade from the ſaid Places and Countries with Her Majeſty's Subjects, according to the Tenor of the Act of Parliament made in the Third and Fourth Years of Her Majeſty's Reign, Entituled,* An Act for Prohibiting all Trade and Commerce with France. *And Her Majeſty's further Pleaſure is, That this Order be forthwith Printed and Publiſhed in the* Gazette.

Edward Southwell.

Vienna, May 15. *N. S.* The 11th Inſtant Prince Charles of Lorrain, Biſhop of Oſnabrug, received the Emperor's Inveſtiture of that Biſhoprick. The ſame Evening a Courier arriv'd with Advice of the Death of the Biſhop of Munſter. The 13th Mr Stepney, Envoy Extraordinary from Her Majeſty of Great Britain, went from hence to take Poſſeſſion of the Principality of Mindelheim for the Duke of Marlborough. The ſame day Count Rechteren's Secretary was diſpatched from hence to Tirnau, with the Emperor's Ratification of the Agreement for a Ceſſation of Arms with the Malecontents of Hungary. The Biſhop of Oſnabrug, the Emperor's Firſt Plenipotentiary for the Treaty to accommodate thoſe Differences, is on his Departure for Tirnau, in order to be preſent at the Conferences for that purpoſe, which are to be opened there the 22d Inſtant.

From Prince Lewis's Camp at Stollhoffen, May 22. The French are making a Line from Croon-Weiſſenbourg to Lauterbourg, thence to Spire, and from Spire to Newſtad: They are encamp'd along the Rhine, their Right at Medelheim, and their Left at Spire. The The Duke of Wirtemberg with his Troops is poſted along the Rhine over againſt Spire, as the Palatine Troops are from Manheim to Philipsbourg. The reſt of our Army continues in this Camp.

Hague, May 28. *N. S.* Colonel Chanclos arrived here yeſterday Morning from Louvain, being diſpatched by the Duke of Marlborough